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"Men die searching for the very God who lives within them." P.1776

WINTER SEMINAR

The last meeting of the Governing Committee was held at the Harman home in Los Angeles just prior to the welcoming of the Burtons who are here to conduct this winter's seminar. On this same day, Jan. 18, 1966, the schedule of subsequent meetings was voted upon by all study group members present and by popular agreement two days each week were selected for classes for nine weeks.

Tuesday, 8 p.m., Culbertsons, 317 N. Orange Dr., L.A. WE 6-0011

Sunday, 2 p.m., Harmans, 368 N. Ridgewood Pl., L.A. 462-5253

About 26 are attending the Sunday class and approximately 15 the Tuesday class.

Our study sessions, conducted by Ruth Burton of Chicago, consist of a half-credit course on the subject of Doctrine I. Theology of the Urantia Book. The cost of the course for credit is \$11.00. (This includes textbook and outline). The fee for auditing is \$3.50 plus \$5.00 for the textbook, or \$8.50. All money is to be turned over to Polly Parke, Treasurer of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, who will send it to the Urantia Brotherhood School in Chicago.

SUMMER SEMINAR

A letter from Alvin Kulieke to Julia Fenderson, Secretary of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, announced his intention to conduct a course on Science for a summer session of three weeks in July. This has already set the Governing Board into action concerning accommodations not only for the Kuliekes, but for students as well. To accommodate all students comfortably and at the same time create somewhat of a classroom effect, we feel that special folding chairs (such as those recently procured by the Chicago group) and a rostrum are necessary for our present and forthcoming seminars.

The chairs in Chicago cost approximately \$17.00 each, wholesale. We will invest^{gatethis} more thoroughly to meet with the approval of all, and then, perhaps, buy five or ten chairs. If anyone has

knowledge or contact with someone in the furniture (DISCOUNT) business, please notify Dick Ziglar, Vice-President, at 936-8791.

NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Eleanor Harman was initiated as our newest member on Jan. 18, 1966. The ceremony was conducted by Julia Fenderson and Ruth Burton in the presence of 26 members of the study group. She is a dedicated student and a welcome member to our Society.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The pressing demands of college work have caused our dedicated member Scott Forsythe to resign as Education Committee Chairman. Wally Ziglar, a member of the Education Committee, has been appointed chairman, succeeding Scott.

STUDY GROUPS

The three study groups -- Los Angeles, Pasadena and Santa Monica -- have cancelled their meetings during the winter seminar. Meetings will be resumed in about nine weeks.

NEWS ABOUT DR. SADLER

We are relieved to hear that Dr. Sadler is much improved and will soon be home. Cards will be welcome at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Pages 1862-63: Section 4. JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT THE KINGDOM.

"Jesus never gave a precise definition of the kingdom. At one time he would discourse on one phase of the kingdom, and at another time he would discuss a different aspect of the brotherhood of God's reign in the hearts of men. In the course of this Sabbath afternoon's sermon Jesus noted no less than five phases, or epochs, of the kingdom, and they were:

"1. The personal and inward experience of the spiritual life of the fellowship of the individual believer with God the Father.

"2. The enlarging brotherhood of gospel believers, the social aspects of the enhanced morals and quickened ethics resulting from the reign of God's spirit in the hearts of individual believers.

"3. The supermortal brotherhood of invisible spiritual beings which prevails on earth and in heaven, the superhuman kingdom of God.

"4. The prospect of the more perfect fellowship of the will of God, the advance toward the dawn of a new social order in connection with improved spiritual living -- the next age of man.

"5. The kingdom in its fullness, the future spiritual age of

light and life on earth.

"Wherefore must we always examine the Master's teaching to ascertain which of these five phases he may have reference to when he makes use of the term kingdom of heaven. By this process of gradually changing man's will and thus affecting human decisions, Michael and his associates are likewise gradually but certainly changing the entire course of human evolution, social or otherwise.

"The Master on this occasion placed emphasis on the following five points as representing the cardinal features of the gospel of the kingdom:

- "1. The pre-eminence of the individual.
- "2. The will as the determining factor in man's experience.
- "3. Spiritual fellowship with God the Father.
- "4. The supreme satisfactions of the loving service of man.
- "5. The transcendency of the spiritual over the material in human personality.

"This world has never seriously or sincerely or honestly tried out these dynamic ideas and divine ideals of Jesus' doctrine of the kingdom of heaven. But you should not become discouraged by the apparently slow progress of the kingdom idea on Urantia. Remember that the order of progressive evolution is subjected to sudden and unexpected periodical changes in both the material and the spiritual worlds. The bestowal of Jesus as an incarnated Son was just such a strange and unexpected event in the spiritual life of the world. Neither make the fatal mistake, in looking for the age manifestation of the kingdom, of failing to effect its establishment within your own souls."

NOTE: Visitors are most welcome at either of the two winter seminar classes.

AGONDONTER: An ascender from an isolated world. One "who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." The Urantia Book - P. 579:1

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